

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-13 and 15-28 are pending.

Claims 2-3, 5-9, 12, 15-16, 18-22, 25, and 27-28 have been amended.

Claims 1 and 14 have been cancelled.

Support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification (e.g., pages 15, 17-22), as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephone discussion on September 3, 2009. The undersigned representative explained that claims 4 and 17 had been rewritten in an independent and should have been allowed. However, the Examiner indicated in the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, that claims 4 and 17 were objected but would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2009 that claims 4 and 17 are allowable.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over US 5,705,569 is not applicable to the claims submitted herewith because claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-28 have been cancelled.

Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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